



# **Geographic Bachelors**

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## **Review**

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# **A REVIEW OF THE ISSUES**





# **Who is a GB?**

## **(as defined by BQ instruction)**

- Permanent Party in CONUS, Alaska/Hawaii
- Receiving BAH “with dependents”
- PCS allowed movement of dependents
- Not accompanied by their dependents
- E-5 and above (current instruction)
  - Policy is being revised to include E1-E4 as GB’s





# Current GB Policy

- GB's berthed space available basis unless:
  - GB Review Board approves hardship
    - EFM program members: stay in BQ entire tour
    - Other hardships: protected for 180 days
  - Resident Advisor
    - Provide senior leadership to our younger sailors
      - RA's are provided BQ berthing
    - GB's are eligible to participate in RA program





# Demographics of GB's (data from 1997 VHA survey)

- Total: 9804 GB's out of 119,123 responses (8.2%)

Definition: Maintain separate residence for dependents

- Enlisted: 9.2% of VHA survey sample
- Officer: 4.4% of VHA survey sample
- By Paygrade:
  - E1-E3: 9.2%
  - E4-E9: 80.9%
  - Officers: 9.9%



# Demographics of GB's (cont.)

**(data from 1997 VHA survey)**

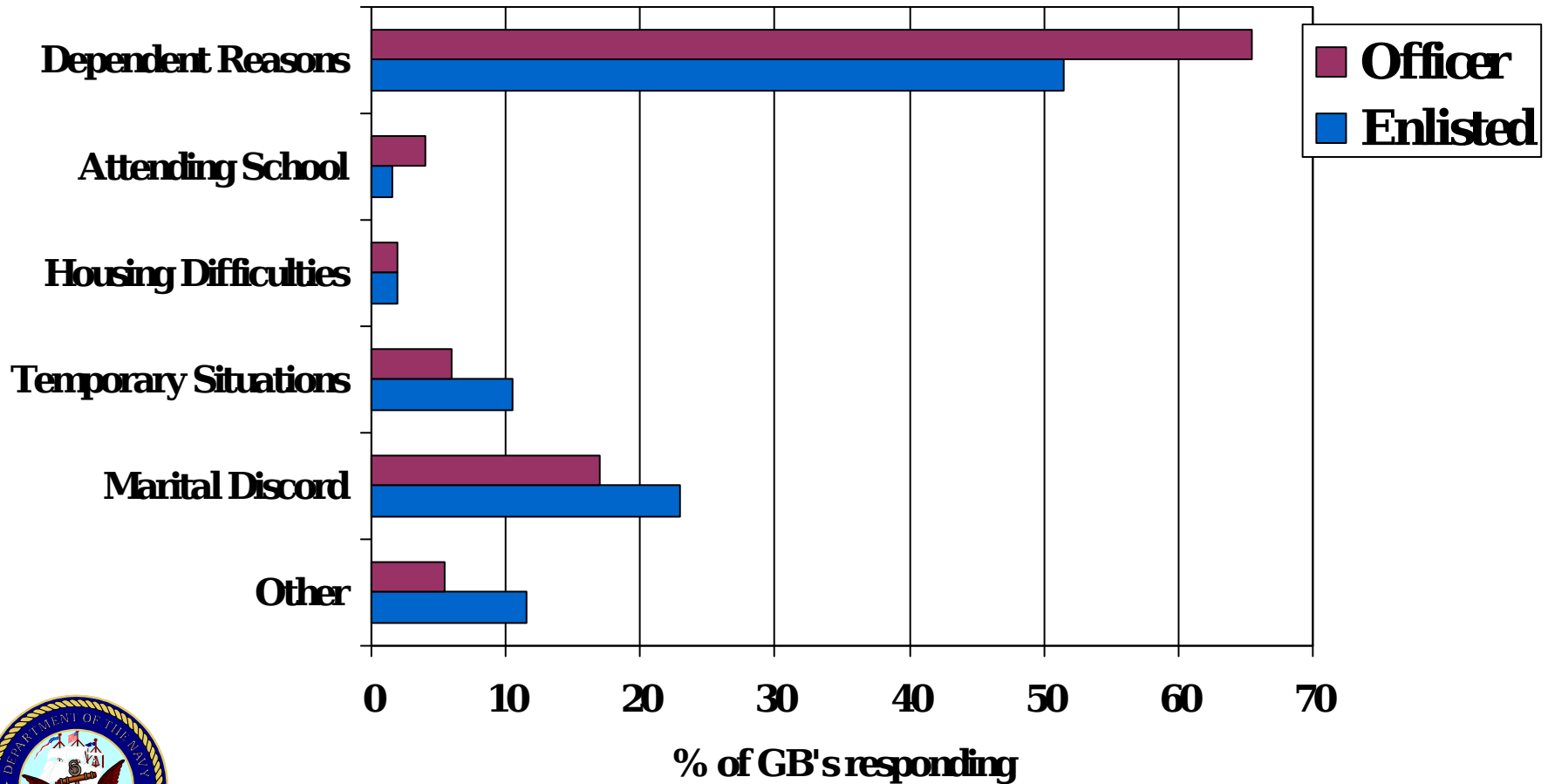
- By Length of Service
  - less than 4 years: 20.7%
  - 5-8 years: 18.3%
  - 9-18 years: 45.3%
  - more than 18 years: 15.7%





# Reasons for Sailors becoming GB's

(data from 1997 VHA Survey)



# Legal and Regulatory Issues

- “Dual compensation” concerns
- DoD Directive 41653-M 5.B.1.A.2 - Members electing voluntary separation (GB) are not considered a construction requirement; i.e., rooms are not built for GB’s
- DoD FMR 26031.c - When receiving BAH (w/dpents) member may not occupy government berthing that exceeds standard for members w/out dependents





# Other Services and GB's

- Air Force
  - GBs berthed space-available (priority 4 of 4)
    - Space available berthing not to constitute more than 10% total dormitory capacity
  - Conducts GB review boards similar to Navy
  - Given space based on paygrade : (junior first)
  - Build to 100% of requirement vice 90% for Navy
  - Result is more rooms available



# Other Services and GB's

## • (cont.)

### • Army

- Berthed space-available
- Minimum Standards of Adequacy do not apply
- Build to 95% of E1-E6 requirement

### • Marine Corps

- GB's berthed space-available (priority 6 of 6)
- Assignment terminated after reasonable notice
- Minimum Standards do not apply to GB's



# Entitlement Summary

- Current law provides no special entitlements for GB's.
- GB problem not clearly defined.

